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STARBUZZ	TOBACCO, INC.,	)
	Opposer,	) OPPOSITION NO: 91214086
v.		OPPOSER STARBUZZ TOBACCO, INC.'S MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS
PHILIP MEI	LNICK,	Opposition Filed: December 18, 2013
	Applicant.	) ) )
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### **INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 2.117(a) and TBMP § 510.02(a), Opposer, Starbuzz Tobacco, Inc. ("Starbuzz"), through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ("Board") to suspend this Opposition No. 91207921 (the "Opposition") pending the final determination of *Starbuzz Tobacco, Inc. v. Philip Melnick*, Case No. 8:15-cv-00224 (the "Civil Action"). The Civil Action is currently pending between the parties before the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the "District Court"). The Civil Action involves the same trademark application at issue in the instant proceeding and will have a direct bearing on this Opposition.

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

Starbuzz initially filed this Opposition against Applicant Philip Melnick's ("Applicant") trademark application for the mark MYST (Serial No. 85/774,314) based upon its ownership of the BLUE MIST, CITRUS MIST, PEACH MIST and TROPICAL MIST trademarks (collectively, the "Starbuzz Marks").

On February 9, 2015, Starbuzz initiated the Civil Action against Applicant in the District Court. *See* Exhibit I. In the Civil Action, Starbuzz alleges that Applicant has infringed upon its rights because Starbuzz has priority to the Starbuzz Marks over Applicant's MYST mark, and the marks are likely to be confused with each other. Starbuzz further requests for an order from the District Court directing the USPTO to deny the application to register the MYST mark. Therefore, in reaching a judgment in the Civil Action, the Court will necessarily need to resolve all of the issues that are currently before the Board with respect to the Opposition proceeding.

### **ARGUMENT**

Where a party to a case pending before the Board is also involved in a civil action that may have a bearing on a matter before the Board, it may suspend the proceeding until the final determination of the civil action. 37 C.F.R. § 2.117(a); TBMP § 510.02(a). This is because a decision by the United States District Court would be binding on the Board, whereas a determination by the Board as to a party's right to registration would not be binding or *res judicata* with respect to the proceeding before the United States District Court. *See, e.g., J. Thomas McCarthy, 6 McCarthy on Trademarks and Unfair Competition* § 32:94 (4th Ed. 2009).

In the Civil Action, Starbuzz asserts legal claims against Applicant, which relate directly to the claims and defenses raised in the instant Opposition proceeding. As binding precedent, the District Court's determinations in the Civil Action will directly affect the resolution of the issues currently before the Board.

For example, Starbuzz alleges in the Opposition that it has priority to the Starbuzz Marks over Applicant's MYST mark, and the marks are likely to be confused with each other. Likewise in the Civil Action, Starbuzz claims that Applicant is infringing upon the Starbuzz Marks for the same reasons. Therefore, the District Court will have to determine whether Starbuzz has priority to the Starbuzz Marks, and whether the parties' marks are likely to be confused with each other. Thus, the District Court's determination on such matters will constitute binding precedent.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing, Starbuzz respectfully requests the Honorable Board to suspend the Opposition proceeding pending the final determination of the Civil Action.

Respectfully submitted, **THE PATEL LAW FIRM, P.C.** 

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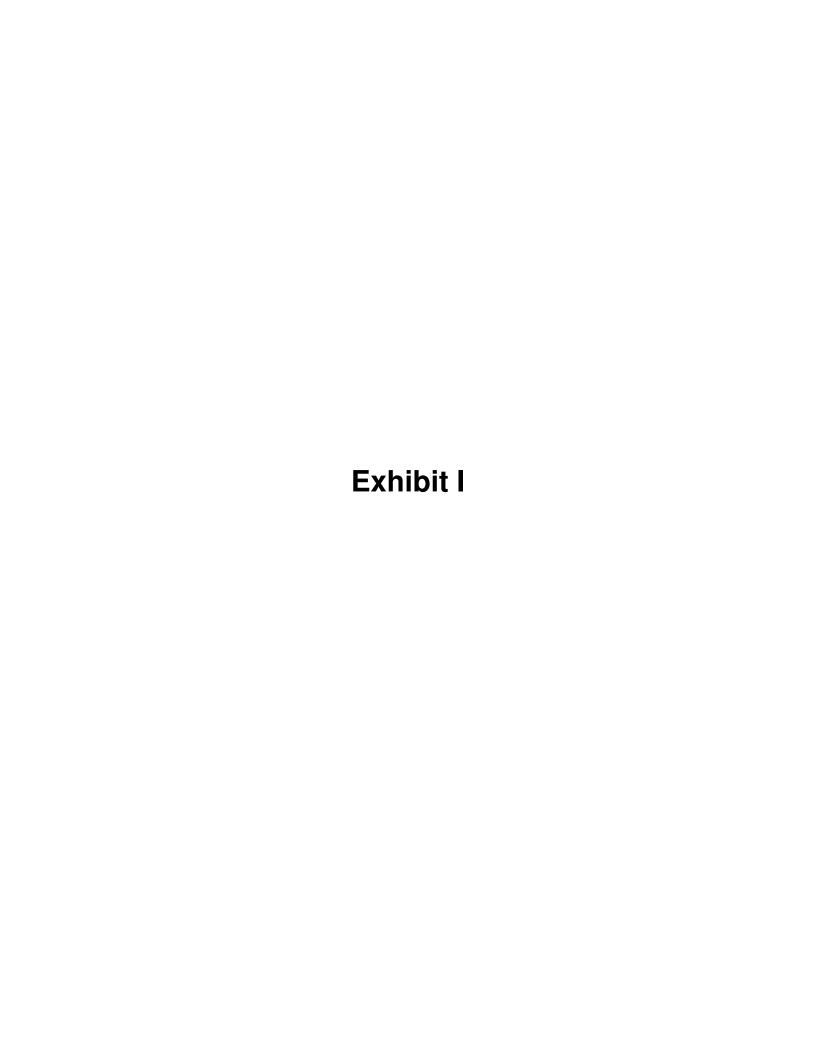
### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of OPPOSER STARBUZZ TOBACCO, INC.'S MOTION

TO SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS is being served via United States mail, postage prepaid,
on this the 27th day of February 2015, to the following:

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Plaintiff, Starbuzz Tobacco, Inc. complains and alleges as follows:

### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiff, Starbuzz Tobacco, Inc. ("Starbuzz" or "Plaintiff"), is now, 1. and at all times relevant herein was, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business in the City of Garden Grove, California.
- Defendant, Philip Melnick ("Melnick"), is now, and at all times 2. relevant herein was, an individual residing in the state of New York.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes that Melnick is the owner of the 3. infringing MYST trademark, which he uses and displays in this judicial district.
- 4. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant is responsible for each of his acts and for his conduct, which are the true legal causes for the damages herein alleged.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

5. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§1119 and 1121, and 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and 1338, in that this Complaint raises federal questions under the United States Trademark Act (Lanham Act), 15 U.S.C. §1051 et seq. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.

- 6. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because he has purposefully engaged in using a trademark that is confusingly similar to Starbuzz's trademarks in connection with the sale and distribution of electronic cigarettes. Since Starbuzz's registered trademarks provide constructive notice of Starbuzz's intellectual property rights and Starbuzz's location, Defendant knew or should have known that his activities were directed towards California, and the effect of those activities would be felt in California.
- 7. The Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because he has engaged in business activities in and directed to California, and has committed tortious acts within the State.
- 8. The Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because he has purposefully availed himself of the opportunity to conduct commercial activities in this forum. The Complaint arises out of those commercial activities.
- 9. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391 (b) and (c) in that substantial injury occurred and continues to occur in this district, a substantial portion of the events that are the subject of this action took place in this district, and Defendant is doing business within this judicial district.

### **INTRODUCTION**

10. This case alleges a straightforward yet egregious claim of trademark infringement, and other violations of federal and state law. It is egregious because

Defendant has intentionally duplicated, adopted, and used trademarks that are identical or substantially similar to Starbuzz's trademarks in his products with blatant disregard to Starbuzz's intellectual property rights, in order to unfairly compete with Starbuzz and to trade upon Starbuzz's goodwill.

- 11. As a manufacturer and supplier of premium hookah tobacco, as well as a distributor of hookahs, electronic cigarettes, electronic vaporizers, e-liquids and other products worldwide, Starbuzz has obtained over ninety (90) federally registered trademarks in the United States and has sought to obtain worldwide intellectual property protection in more than thirty-three (33) countries.
- 12. Over the past several years, Starbuzz has sold, and continues to sell, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, e-liquid, and electronic vaporizers bearing one or more of the following trademarks: BLUE MIST, CITRUS MIST, HAWAIIAN MIST, TROPICAL MIST, PEACH MIST and MIST. Starbuzz's aforementioned marks are collectively referred to as the "Starbuzz Marks."
- 13. Starbuzz discovered that Defendant is using trademarks that are identical or substantially similar to the Starbuzz Marks in connection with Defendant's products.
- 14. Defendant is not affiliated with Starbuzz in any way, and does not have Starbuzz's permission to use the Starbuzz Marks, or any mark that is confusingly similar to the Starbuzz Marks.

- 15. Defendant intentionally adopted and uses the confusingly similar trademark MYST in connection with electronic cigarettes (the "Infringing Products"), to falsely convey to consumers, vendors, and third parties an association with Starbuzz, and to unfairly trade and benefit from the reputation and goodwill of Starbuzz's business and the Starbuzz Marks.
- 16. On February 12, 2013, Defendant filed a trademark application, serial no. 85/774,314 for the MYST trademark under Section 1(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051(a), claiming a date of first use of October 1, 2012. The MYST trademark is referred to herein as the "Infringing Mark."
- 17. Defendant is aware that his actions are specifically prohibited and are on notice that Starbuzz has not consented to his actions in any way.
- 18. By this Complaint, Starbuzz seeks to prevent deception, consumer confusion, mistake, annoyance, and loss of customer goodwill, and to protect its intellectual property and reputation from intentional infringement.
- 19. Starbuzz files this civil action against Defendant for violations of the United States Trademark Act (Lanham Act), 15 U.S.C. §1051 et seq., and related state and common law claims.

### **OWNERSHIP OF THE STARBUZZ MARKS**

- 20. For the past several years, Starbuzz has been using the Starbuzz Marks in commerce.
- Starbuzz also registered with the United States Patent and Trademark 21. Office ("USPTO") the following marks for various tobacco and related products:

<u>Trademark</u>	Reg. No.	<u>Register</u>	First Use At Least As Early As	Exhibit
BLUE MIST	3,619,407	Principal	December 1, 2006	<u>A</u>
CITRUS MIST	3,695,500	Principal	March 4, 2008	<u>B</u>
HAWAIIAN MIST	4,196,953	Principal	June 22, 2011	<u>C</u>
TROPICAL MIST	4,196,957	Principal	June 22, 2011	<u>D</u>
PEACH MIST	4,287,968	Principal	January 27, 2012	<u>E</u>

Starbuzz has also filed applications with the USPTO to register the 22. following marks for tobacco products and/or electronic cigarettes:

<u>Trademark</u>	Serial. No.	<u>Register</u>	First Use At Least As Early As	<b>Exhibit</b>
BLUE MIST	85/812,403	Principal	August 22, 2012	<u>F</u>

23. At all times relevant herein, Starbuzz has been, and still is, the owner of the exclusive rights, title, and interest in the Starbuzz Marks for tobacco and

other related products, and has the full and exclusive rights to bring suit to enforce its trademark rights, including the right to recover for past infringement.

### STARBUZZ'S CONTINUOUS USE OF ITS MARKS

- 24. Starbuzz manufactures, distributes, imports, and sells tobacco products throughout the United States and internationally. Starbuzz also distributes and sells tobacco alternative products, such as electronic cigarettes, eliquids, and other related products throughout the United States and internationally. Starbuzz prides itself on its reputation for high-quality products. Starbuzz's continued goal is to develop new and popular tobacco, tobacco alternatives, and other related products while preserving the quality of its products and brand identity.
- 25. Starbuzz sells its products to thousands of customers and clients, including boutique stores, wholesalers, and suppliers. Starbuzz has used, created and marketed the Starbuzz Marks continuously over the years. The Starbuzz Marks have brought Starbuzz enormous success, and Starbuzz is now known for its high quality products.
- 26. Starbuzz uses the Starbuzz Marks on advertising brochures, advertising leaflets, on the Internet, and on the packaging of its products.
- 27. Starbuzz's intellectual property and brand identity have substantial image recognition.

28. The Starbuzz Marks are important as they serve as easily-recognizable identifiers of the high quality goods and services that Starbuzz offers. There is a particularly close association among consumers between Starbuzz, the Starbuzz Marks, and the quality of the products and services offered under the Starbuzz Marks. For consumers, customers, vendors, and clients, the Starbuzz Marks are associated with original, flavorful, and smooth smoking tobacco, tobacco alternatives, and related products of the highest quality at an affordable price.

### **DEFENDANT'S WRONGFUL ACTS**

### Sales of Infringing Products

- 29. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that

  Defendant has sold and are currently selling, distributing, advertising and

  promoting MYST branded electronic cigarettes on the website <a href="www.mystcigs.com">www.mystcigs.com</a>
  ("Infringing Website"). Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges,
  that Defendant distributes his products in California, through that website. True
  and correct copies of printouts from various parts of the website

  <a href="www.mystcigs.com">www.mystcigs.com</a> are attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit G">Exhibit G</a>. A true and correct copy of
  WHOIS information for the www.mystcigs.com domain name, listing Philip

  Melnick as the registrant, is attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit H">Exhibit H</a>.
- 30. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that

  Defendant has also registered other websites using the name MYST, including, but

not limited to, mystcig.com and mystcigarette.com. True and correct copies of WHOIS information for those domain names is attached hereto as **Exhibit I**.

- 31. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that

  Defendant has continuously and systematically distributed the Infringing Products
  throughout California and the United States, misled and confused consumers, and
  negatively affected the publicity regarding the Starbuzz products.
- 32. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that

  Defendant is using the Infringing Mark to market, promote, advertise and sell the

  Infringing Products.
- 33. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant knew of Starbuzz's prior use of the Starbuzz Marks by virtue of Starbuzz's trademark registrations and reputation in the tobacco market.
- 34. Nonetheless, Defendant adopted the Infringing Mark to market and sell the Infringing Products, to deceive consumers into believing that the Infringing Products are produced and manufactured by Starbuzz, and to trade upon Starbuzz's goodwill.
- Defendant's Use of the Infringing Mark is Likely to Cause Consumer Confusion
- 35. Defendant's distribution and sale of the Infringing Products bearing the Infringing Mark is likely to cause consumer confusion.
  - 36. To date, Defendant is continuing with his infringing activity.

37. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that

Defendant began using the Infringing Mark after Starbuzz began using the

Starbuzz Marks for various products. Therefore, Starbuzz's rights in the Starbuzz

Marks have priority over Defendant's rights in the Infringing Mark.

- 38. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant knew of Starbuzz's prior use of the Starbuzz Marks. Nonetheless, Defendant adopted and/or used the Infringing Mark to advertise his business and products.
- 39. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that given the similar or related nature of Starbuzz's products and the Infringing Products, and the similarity between the Infringing Mark and the Starbuzz Marks, consumers are likely to be confused as to the source of Starbuzz's products and Defendant's products.
- 40. Starbuzz is further informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant intentionally, and in bad faith, adopted and used the Infringing Mark to trade upon the fame and goodwill associated with the Starbuzz Marks, to deceive consumers, vendors and third parties, to attract new business in competition to Starbuzz, and to derive an economic benefit therefrom.
- 41. Defendant knowingly used and continues to use the Infringing Mark without Starbuzz's consent or authorization.

42. The products that Defendant offers under the Infringing Mark are in the same category of products which Starbuzz offers under the Starbuzz Marks. Therefore, Defendant's use of the Infringing Mark is likely to cause consumer confusion.

- 43. Starbuzz and Defendant sell their products online. Starbuzz and Defendant thus have convergent marketing channels.
- 44. Starbuzz is further informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Starbuzz and Defendant have convergent marketing channels since they sell and market products within the same geographic area.
- 45. Defendant's use of convergent marketing channels increases the likelihood of consumer confusion.
- 46. Defendant's continued use of the Infringing Mark is thus likely to lead consumers, retailers, wholesalers, and vendors to mistakenly conclude that Defendant's products are affiliated, connected, or associated with Starbuzz.

  Consumers are likely to be misled and confused as to the true source, sponsorship, or affiliation of Defendant's products.
- 47. Starbuzz never consented, either orally or in writing, to allow Defendant to use trademarks identical or similar to the Starbuzz Marks for any reason, including the marketing and sale of Infringing Products.

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Defendant knowingly used and continue to use the Infringing Mark without Starbuzz's consent or authorization.

### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF [Trademark Infringement Under Lanham Act 15 U.S.C. §1114]

- 49. Starbuzz re-alleges and incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 48, inclusive, of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- Defendant's use of the Infringing Mark to promote, market, or sell 50. Infringing Products constitutes trademark infringement pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1114.
- 51. Defendant has promoted, sold, and marketed, and continue to promote, sell, and market, Infringing Products using the Infringing Mark, which are identical or confusingly similar to the Starbuzz Marks.
- 52. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that its use of the Starbuzz Marks in commerce predates Defendant's use of the Infringing Mark in commerce.
- 53. The Starbuzz Marks are highly distinctive, arbitrary and/or fanciful, and are entitled to strong trademark protection.
- 54. Defendant continues to promote, sell and market the Infringing Products under the Infringing Mark, in direct competition with Starbuzz's products, which Starbuzz promotes, sells, and markets under the Starbuzz Marks.

Defendant therefore uses the Infringing Mark on the same, related, or complementary category of goods as Starbuzz.

- 55. Defendant's Infringing Mark is so similar in appearance, pronunciation, meaning, and commercial impression to the Starbuzz Marks that consumers are likely to be confused as to the source of the parties' products.
- 56. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant markets and sells his products throughout the United States through various channels, including, but not limited to, the Internet and retail stores and shops. These are the same channels through which Starbuzz markets and sells its goods.
- 57. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that

  Defendant intentionally and willfully adopted the Infringing Mark in an effort to
  deceive or cause confusion with the consuming public.
- 58. Defendant's attempts to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive further indicate an intentional and willful infringement upon the Starbuzz Marks.
- 59. Defendant's continued use of the Infringing Mark also demonstrates Defendant's intentional and willful infringement of the Starbuzz Marks.

60. Defendant's intentional, continuing, and willful infringement of the Starbuzz Marks has caused and will continue to cause damage to Starbuzz, and is causing irreparable harm to Starbuzz for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

61. Defendant is directly, contributorily, and/or vicariously liable for these actions.

# SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF [Trademark Infringement - False Designation of Origin Under Lanham Act 15 U.S.C. §1125(a)(1)(A)]

- 62. Starbuzz re-alleges and incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 61, inclusive, of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 63. In connection with Infringing Products, Defendant knowingly and willfully used in commerce, words, terms, names, symbols, or devices, or a combination thereof, which are likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive as to the affiliation, connection, or association of Defendant with Starbuzz, or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Defendant's goods.
- 64. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant willfully and intentionally created a false or misleading affiliation, connection, or association between Defendant's goods and Starbuzz's goods.
- 65. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant adopted words, terms, names, symbols, or devices, or a combination thereof, which are similar to the Starbuzz Marks, or willfully and intentionally

marketed his goods and services with words, terms, names, symbols, or devices, or a combination thereof, similar to the Starbuzz Marks.

- 66. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that
  Starbuzz's use of the Starbuzz Marks in commerce precedes Defendant's use of the
  Infringing Marks in interstate commerce.
- 67. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant's aforesaid acts were done with knowledge of Starbuzz's trademarks, and the knowledge that use of such words, terms, names, symbols, or devices, or a combination thereof, was misleading.
- 68. Defendant's intentional and willful infringement of Starbuzz's trademarks has caused and will continue to cause damage to Starbuzz and is causing irreparable harm to Starbuzz for which there is no adequate remedy at law.
- 69. Starbuzz was damaged by these acts in an amount to be proven at trial. Defendant's actions have caused and will continue to cause irreparable harm to Starbuzz for which there is no adequate remedy at law. Thus, Starbuzz is also entitled to injunctive and equitable relief against Defendant under the Lanham Act.
- 70. Defendant is directly, contributorily, and/ or vicariously liable for these actions.

# THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF [Cybersquatting Under Lanham Act 15 U.S.C. §1125(d)]

- 71. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 70, inclusive, of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 72. Defendant has registered and used the trademark "MYST" and terms confusingly similar to "MYST" in the domain names, <u>www.mystcigs.com</u>, <u>www.mystcig.com</u>, and <u>www.mystcigarette.com</u>.
- 73. Plaintiff was the first to use the Starbuzz Marks in commerce. By virtue of such first use and federal registration for the Starbuzz Marks, Defendant has no intellectual property rights in domain name(s) containing the term "MYST".
- 74. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that "MYST" is not the legal name of any of the Defendant's businesses.
- 75. Defendant is using the Infringing Website containing the Infringing Mark and terms similar to the Starbuzz Mark, in order to market Defendant's Infringing Products.
- 76. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant intends to divert customers from Plaintiff's websites for commercial gain.
- 77. In registering the MYST domain names, Defendant has had bad faith intent to profit from the Starbuzz Marks.

78. Defendant's aforesaid acts constitute cybersquatting within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d).

79. Defendant is directly, contributorily and/or vicariously liable for these actions.

### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF [Unfair Competition – Violation of California Business and Professions Code §17200 et seq.]

- 80. Starbuzz re-alleges and incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 79 inclusive, of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 81. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant's aforesaid acts constitute actionable wrongs under California Business and Professions Code §17200 *et seq.* in that Defendant's unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent use of words, terms, names, symbols, or devices, or a combination thereof, which are similar to the Starbuzz Marks, create a probability of confusion or misunderstanding as to the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of Starbuzz's and Defendant's goods.
- 82. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant has offered and continues to market goods using words, terms, names, symbols, or devices, or a combination thereof, which are similar to the Starbuzz Marks, in an attempt to unfairly compete with Starbuzz.

83. Starbuzz is further informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant has also been attempting to unfairly compete with Starbuzz through the use of deceptive and/or misleading advertising.

- 84. By reason of the foregoing unlawful acts, Defendant has caused, and continues to cause, substantial and irreparable damage and injury to Starbuzz and to the public. Defendant has benefited from such unlawful conduct, and will continue to carry out such unlawful conduct and to be unjustly enriched thereby, unless enjoined by this Court.
- 85. As a proximate and direct result of Defendant's acts as herein alleged, Starbuzz has sustained damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 86. Defendant is directly, contributorily and/or vicariously liable for these actions.

# FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF [Common Law Trademark Infringement and Unfair Competition]

- 87. Starbuzz re-alleges and incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 86, inclusive, of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 88. Starbuzz is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that

  Defendant's aforesaid acts constitute actionable wrongs under the common law in
  that Defendant's use of the Infringing Mark constitutes an infringement and
  violation of Starbuzz's rights in its trademarks, and creates a likelihood that

  Starbuzz's customers, potential customers, and the public generally will be

27 28 confused or misled as to the source of goods and services because they are likely to believe that Defendant's products are identical to or affiliated with that of Starbuzz.

- 89. By reason of the foregoing unlawful acts, Defendant has caused, and continue to cause, substantial and irreparable damage and injury to Starbuzz and to the public. Defendant has benefited from such unlawful conduct and will continue to carry out such unlawful conduct and to be unjustly enriched thereby unless enjoined by this Court.
- As a proximate and direct result of Defendant's acts as herein alleged, 90. Starbuzz has sustained damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
- Defendant is directly, contributorily and/or vicariously liable for these 91. actions.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Starbuzz respectfully prays for judgment against Defendant as follows:

### ON THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CLAIMS

An Order finding that Defendant has infringed Starbuzz's intellectual 1. property rights;

2. An Order requiring Defendant to account for and disgorge any and all profits received by the use of Starbuzz's intellectual property pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1117(a)(1);

- 3. An award of the attorneys' fees and costs of this action, in an amount to be determined at trial, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1117(a)(3) and other applicable federal and state law;
- 4. An Order directing the recall from the marketplace and destruction of materials bearing Starbuzz's trademarks, or any confusingly similar marks, including, but not limited to, the marks BLUE MIST, CITRUS MIST, HAWAIIAN MIST, TROPICAL MIST, PEACH MIST, and MYST in any manner, for purposes of advertising or selling, or soliciting purchases of products or services, or products sold in the course of providing such services, or any related activities, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1118;
- 5. A preliminary and permanent injunction, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1116, enjoining and prohibiting Defendant and any of his officers, directors, employees, agents, subsidiaries, distributors, dealers, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them from:
- A. Using Starbuzz's trademarks, or any confusingly similar marks, including, but not limited to, the marks BLUE MIST, CITRUS MIST, HAWAIIAN MIST, TROPICAL MIST, PEACH MIST, and MYST, in any

manner, on or in products, merchandise, or goods, or for purposes of advertising, selling, or soliciting purchases of, products or merchandise;

- B. Infringing on Starbuzz's trademarks;
- C. Assisting, aiding, or abetting any other person or business entity in engaging in or performing any of the activities referred to in subparagraphs (A) and (B) above; and
- D. Registering, owning, or operating any domain names which incorporate the terms "MYST" or "MIST";
- 6. An Order requiring Defendant and his agents, servants, and employees and all persons acting in concert with or for them to file with this Court and serve on Starbuzz, within thirty (30) days after service of an injunction, a report in writing, under oath, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which Defendant has complied with the applicable injunction, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1116;
- 7. An Order requiring Defendant to withdraw and abandon his trademark application, serial no. 85/774,314, for the infringing MYST trademark or cancelling Defendant's infringing MYST trademark pursuant to Section 37 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1119, if it proceeds to registration;
- 8. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on any amounts awarded at the maximum legal rate as permitted by law and equity; and

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9. Any other or further relief that the Court deems appropriate, proper, and just.

### ON THE FOURTH AND FIFTH CLAIMS

- 1. An Order finding that Defendant has infringed Starbuzz's intellectual property rights and unfairly competed with Starbuzz;
- 2. Judgment for Starbuzz and against Defendant for actual, special, and consequential damages, in an amount to be proven at trial and for costs incurred in the litigation;
- An Order requiring Defendant to account for and disgorge all gains, 3. profits, and advantages from the violations of California State, and common law;
- 4. A preliminary and permanent injunction, enjoining and prohibiting Defendant and any of his officers, directors, employees, agents, subsidiaries, distributors, dealers, and all persons in active concert or participation with any of them from using the marks BLUE MIST, CITRUS MIST, HAWAIIAN MIST, TROPICAL MIST, PEACH MIST, and MYST to advertise, solicit business or otherwise compete with Starbuzz.
- 5. Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on any amounts awarded at the maximum legal rate as permitted by law and equity; and
- 6. Any other or further relief that the Court deems appropriate, proper, and just.

DATED: February 9, 2015 Respectfully Submitted, THE PATEL LAW FIRM, P.C. Natu J. Patel Jason Chuan Daniel H. Ngai Attorneys for Plaintiff Starbuzz Tobacco, Inc. 

### **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Plaintiff Starbuzz Tobacco, Inc. hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues raised in the Complaint.

DATED: February 9, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

THE PATEL LAW FIRM, P.C.

Natu J. Patel Daniel H. Ngai Jason Chuan

Attorneys for Plaintiff Starbuzz Tobacco, Inc.

## **Exhibit A**

Int. Cl.: 34

Prior U.S. Cls.: 2, 8, 9 and 17

Reg. No. 3,619,407

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Registered May 12, 2009

### TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

# Blue Mist

STARBUZZ TOBACCO, INC. (CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)
UNIT #A
1889 W. COMMONWEALTH STREET
FULLERTON, CA 92833

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

FOR: PIPE TOBACCO, TOBACCO, SMOKING TOBACCO, FLAVORED TOBACCO, MOLASSES TOBACCO, IN CLASS 34 (U.S. CLS. 2, 8, 9 AND 17).

SER. NO. 77-619,104, FILED 11-20-2008.

FIRST USE 12-1-2006; IN COMMERCE 12-1-2006.

REGINA DRUMMOND, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

## **Exhibit B**

# United States of America United States Patent and Trademark Office

# Citrus Mist

Reg. No. 3,695,500 STARBUZZ TOBACCO, INC. (CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)
Registered Oct. 13, 2009 2116 W. LINCOLN AVENUE
ANAHEIM, CA 92801

Int. Cl.: 34 FOR: PIPE TOBACCO; MOLASSES TOBACCO; TOBACCO; SMOKING TOBACCO; FLAVORED TOBACCO; HERBAL MOLASSES HERBS FOR SMOKING, TOBACCO AND TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES, IN CLASS 34 (U.S. CLS. 2, 8, 9 AND 17).

TRADEMARK

PRINCIPAL REGISTER FIRST USE 3-4-2008; IN COMMERCE 3-4-2008.

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OWNER OF U.S. REG. NO. 3,619,407.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "CITRUS", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 77-699,076, FILED 3-25-2009.

DAVID YONTEF, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Vand J. Kappas

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

## **Exhibit C**



# HAWAIIAN MIST

Reg. No. 4,196,953 STARBUZZ TOBACCO, INC. (CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)

Registered Aug. 28, 2012 ANAHEIM, CA 92801

Int. Cl.: 34 FOR: PIPE TOBACCO; MOLASSES TOBACCO; TOBACCO; SMOKING TOBACCO;

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SER. NO. 85-359,875, FILED 6-29-2011.

RONALD MCMORROW, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Vano J. L. Villas

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## **Exhibit D**



## TROPICAL MIST

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Registered Aug. 28, 2012 ANAHEIM, CA 92801

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FLAVORED TOBACCO, IN CLASS 34 (U.S. CLS. 2, 8, 9 AND 17).

**TRADEMARK** FIRST USE 6-22-2011; IN COMMERCE 6-22-2011.

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TICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

SER. NO. 85-360,053, FILED 6-29-2011.

RONALD MCMORROW, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



Vand J. Kalpas

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

## **Exhibit E**



# PEACH MIST

Reg. No. 4,287,968 STARBUZZ TOBACCO, INC. (CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)

Registered Feb. 12, 2013 ANAHEIM, CA 92801

Int. Cl.: 34 FOR: PIPE TOBACCO; MOLASSES TOBACCO; TOBACCO; SMOKING TOBACCO;

FLAVORED TOBACCO, IN CLASS 34 (U.S. CLS. 2, 8, 9 AND 17).

**TRADEMARK** FIRST USE 1-27-2012; IN COMMERCE 1-27-2012.

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OWNER OF U.S. REG. NOS. 3,619,407, 3,671,258, AND 3,695,500.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "PEACH", APART FROM THE

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SER. NO. 85-533,824, FILED 2-3-2012.

KATHLEEN M. VANSTON, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



## **Exhibit F**

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Mark: BLUE MIST

### **BLUE MIST**

US Serial Number: 85812403 Application Filing Date: Dec. 28, 2012

Register: Principal Mark Type: Trademark

Status: Suspension check completed. Application remains suspended.

Status Date: Oct. 15, 2014

#### **Mark Information**

Mark Literal Elements: BLUE MIST

Standard Character Claim: Yes. The mark consists of standard characters without claim to any particular font style, size, or color.

Mark Drawing Type: 4 - STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

### **Related Properties Information**

Claimed Ownership of US 3619407, 4091743

Registrations:

### **Goods and Services**

Note: The following symbols indicate that the registrant/owner has amended the goods/services

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Asterisks \*..\* identify additional (new) wording in the goods/services.

For: Electronic cigarettes

International Class(es): 034 - Primary Class U.S Class(es): 002, 008, 009, 017

Class Status: ACTIVE Basis: 1(a)

Use in Commerce: Aug. 22, 2012 First Use: Aug. 22, 2012

### **Basis Information (Case Level)**

Filed Use: Yes Currently Use: Yes Amended Use: No Filed ITU: No Currently ITU: No Amended ITU: No Currently 44D: No Filed 44D: No Amended 44D: No Filed 44E: No Currently 44E: No Amended 44E: No

Filed 66A: No Currently 66A: No Currently No Basis: No Filed No Basis: No

### **Current Owner(s) Information**

Owner Name: Starbuzz Tobacco, Inc. Owner Address: 10871 Forbes Avenue

Garden Grove, CALIFORNIA 92843

**UNITED STATES** 

State or Country Where CALIFORNIA Legal Entity Type: CORPORATION

Organized:

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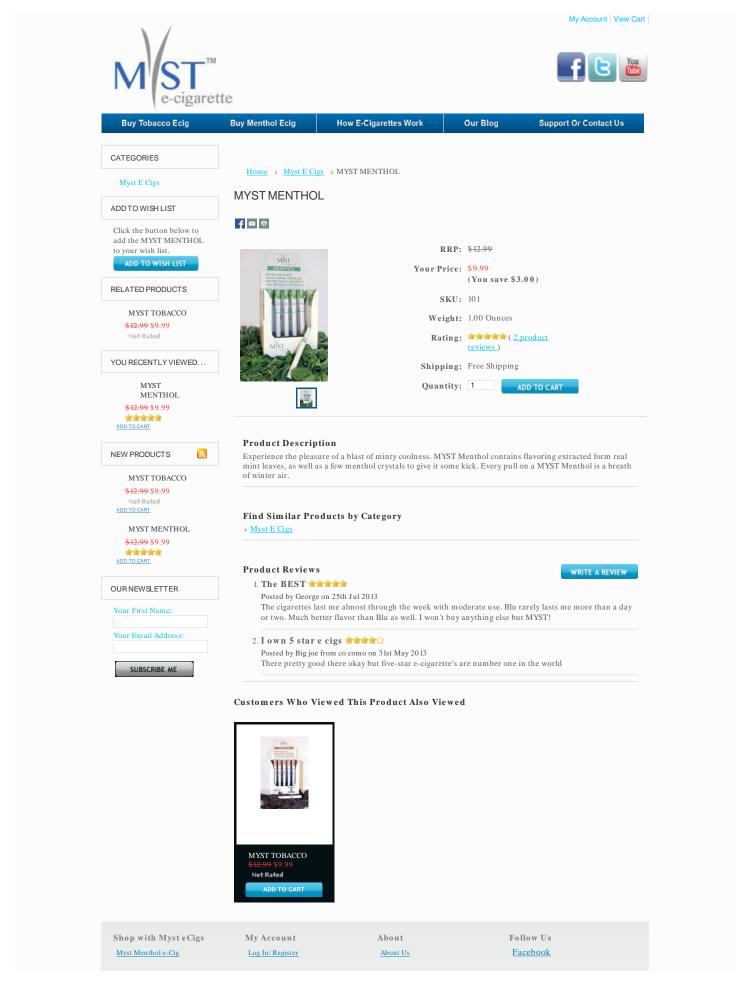
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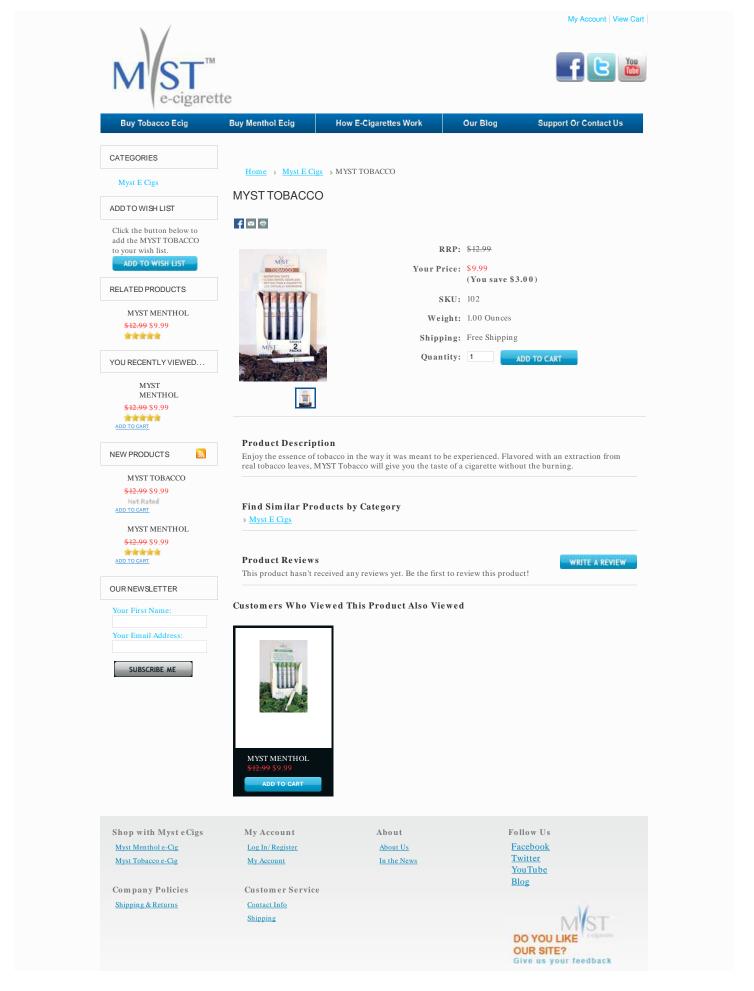
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  - Assign AccountExec
  - Domain Registration
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  - o Domain Backorder
  - Cheap Domains
  - o Bulk
    - Bulk Registration
    - Bulk Transfer
  - o Domain Tools
    - Total DNS control
    - Domain Masking and forwarding
    - Change Domain Registrant
  - Domain Add-Ons
    - Domain Privacy
    - Deluxe Registration
    - Protected Registration
    - Business Registration
    - Certified Domain
  - IDN Internationalized Domain Names
  - Domain Name Appraisals
- Web Hosting
  - My Hosting Accounts
  - Hosting Plans
  - Virtual Dedicated Servers
  - Dedicated Servers
  - Dedicated IP
  - o Site Analytics
  - Secure Certificates
- Email Hosting
  - o My Email Account
  - o WebMail
  - o Email Plans
  - Hosted Exchange Email
  - o Blackberry Email
  - Contact Manager CRM
  - o Online File Folder
  - Fax thru email
  - Email Marketting
  - o Calendar
- Website Tools
  - My Websites

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- SmartSpace
- WebSite Tonight
- Web Site Design Services
- Photo Album
- Quick Shopping Cart
- o Quick Blogcast
- Web applications
  - Wordpress Hosting
  - Joomla Hosting
  - Drupal Hosting
- Website Marketing
- Website Marketing
- o Fax thru email
- o Email Marketting
- Contact Manager CRM
- Brand Identity Design Services
- Web Banner Design Services
- Search Engine Visibility
- Logo Design Services
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- Domain Tools
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  - Nameserver Domains
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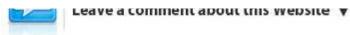
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## **MYSTCIGS.COM**

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Nameserver history

DB: 103 : Monday 8 October 2012 (Old Record)

NS13.DOMAINCONTROL.COM (853406)

NS14.DOMAINCONTROL.COM (830329)

DB: 107 : Thursday 7 February 2013 >>> **NOW** 

NS1.BIGCOMMERCE.COM (45148)

NS2.BIGCOMMERCE.COM (45114)

DNS record history

29-October-2012

Web: 97.74.42.79

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Whois on 16-October-2012

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Whois Server Version 2.0

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Domain Name: MYSTCIGS.COM
Registrar: godaddy.com, llc
Whois Server: whois.godaddy.com

Referral URL: http://registrar.godaddy.com

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   Registrant:
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   POB 131822
   staten island, New York 10313
   United States
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     melnick, philip
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      staten island, New York 10313
     United States
      (917) 747-4674
   Technical Contact:
                       varkias4@aol.com
     melnick, philip
     POB 131822
      staten island, New York 10313
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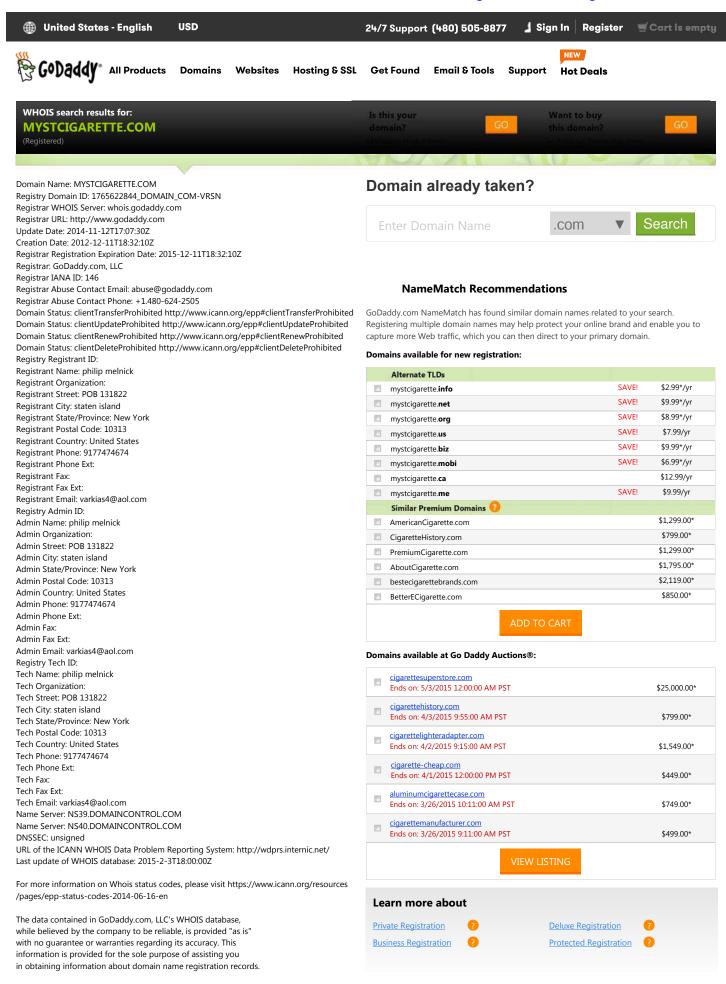
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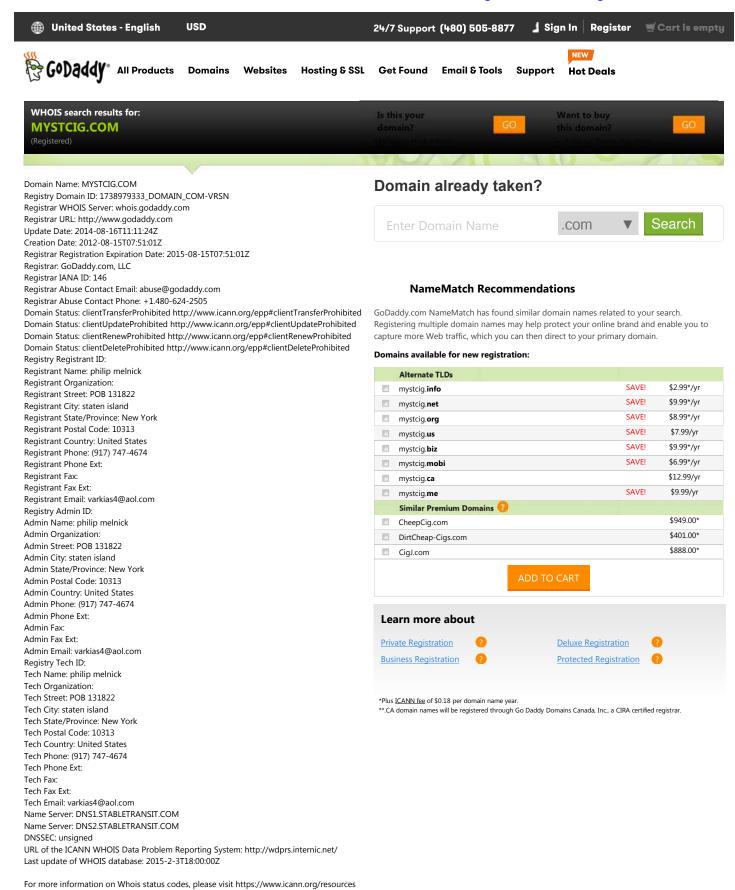




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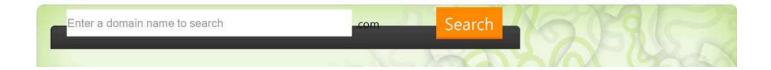


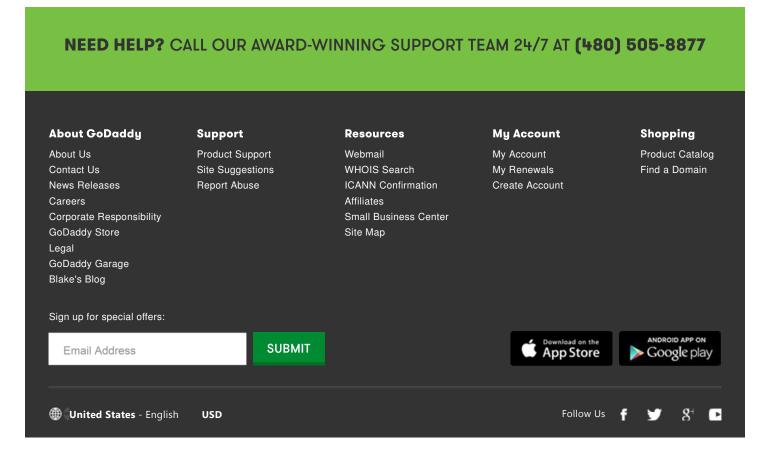
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